

SPORTS & FITNESS

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On Post

Newman Fitness Center to close for renovation

Newman Fitness Center will be closed Jan. 2, 2005 for renovation and will remain closed until complete.

Basketball, Cheerleading

Youth basketball and cheerleading registration is now underway, and ends Friday or when teams are full.

Register for teams Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Child and Youth Services, Building 443.

Registration is open and free to CYS members. Basketball is open to ages 5 through 18, and cheerleading is open to ages 6 through 13.

Uniforms will be provided by CYS.

Newman Consultations

The Newman Physical Fitness Center now offers free personal training consultations. Consultations consist of health screenings, exercise prescription and nutritional counseling.

For more information, call 767-2771.

Sports USA Events

Weekly events — Monday Night Football, 4 p.m., Thirsty Thursdays drink specials, 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. Friday, Top 40/R&B DJ, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Saturday College football and NASCAR, open to 4 a.m., Sunday Ticket Football, NASCAR.

Pilates

Pilates classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Palmetto Room at Club Stewart, from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$45 per month. Sign up prior to 6 p.m. For more information call Jake at 767-3033.

Ski Trip

MWR is holding a two-day trip to Ski Beech Mountain Jan. 22 through 23 at Beech Mountain, North Carolina

The bus departs at midnight Jan. 22 from Fort Stewart Leisure Activities Center (Bldg 443) and from Hunter Outdoor Recreation (Bldg 8454) and returns at 10 p.m. Jan. 23.

The price includes: transportation, overnight motel stay, ski lift and equipment rental (Ski or

Snowboard. The cost is adults \$185 and children \$145

Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

There must be 25 people registered and paid in full by Jan. 15 to proceed with trip.

Bowling

Bowl for \$1 and get shoes for \$.75 on Fridays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bowl for \$1.25 and \$1 for shoes Sunday, Family Day, all day at Marne Lanes Bowling Center.

Off Post

PT Alert

Units can schedule a PT session with a YMCA aerobics or kick boxing instructor at either Fort Stewart or our Hinesville facility.

There is no charge for this service.

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-9366. Deadline is noon on Fridays.



Photos by Pfc. Ricardo Branch

(Left) Spc. Tommy Bugg and (right) Spc. Omni Davids, 226th Quartermaster Battalion help out (center) Dominique Douglas in a game of bowling at the Special Olympics Dec. 3 at Marne Lanes.

Olympics brings joy of competition and sportsmanship to special athletes

Pfc. Ricardo Branch

Associate Editor

Recently 170 kids from Liberty County and the surrounding coastal empire traveled to Fort Stewart to compete in the Winter Special Olympics held at Marne and Stewart Lanes Dec. 3.

Various units had Soldiers present at both locations to serve as volunteer/coaches and welcome the athletes arriving to take part in the games.

"People need to think of the needy children over the holiday season because during the holidays it's important to help out those kids that don't have some of the things that everyday people can take for granted," said Sgt. Mack Tarson, 226th Quartermaster Battalion.

The kids ranging from elementary to middle

school arrived on the installation and got down for a free game of bowling.

"This is so great for the kids," said Ladona Andrews, Hinesville resident and mother to a daughter in the Special Olympics program.

"Bowling is one of those games that anyone can play and that allows all the kids here to be able to give it a try," Andrews said.

Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society through sports training and competition, according to the Special Olympics Website.

The program has been active in Stewart for quite some time. Bowling,

however, has only been done in the past few years.

"These kids don't get much of an opportunity to try games like this," Jerry Evans, Marne Lanes general manager. "That's what made me want to offer the bowling center as a place for them to come to and have some fun."

The Special Olympics program offers children and adults with intellectual disabilities year-round training and competition in 26 Olympic-type summer and winter sports.

"This is a great program for anyone to be a part of," Evans said. "Just to see their faces when they get off the bus and know that this is their day, a day where they can do something they normally don't get the opportunity to try, makes this all worth it."



Mary Brown rolls one down in the Special Olympics bowling competition.

Coalition Reaches Out With Soccer

Spc. Chris Stump

American Forces Press Service

CHARIKAR, Afghanistan — With a final score of 3-1, the Parwan youth soccer team recently defeated its coalition visitor, Team Eagle, at Parwan's home field in Charikar village. After 60 minutes of "futbol," the crowd of nearly 1,000 cheered and rushed onto the field to congratulate the home team on a solid victory.

But a victory wasn't the only thing solidified with the match-up between the coalition team and its central-Afghanistan hosts. The match reinforced the coalition's good intentions and the progress that allowed personnel to spend a peaceful morning playing soccer in the local community.

"It was beautiful. In the future, I hope this can happen again," said Wahid Qanit, a youth soccer coach and interpreter for base operations on Bagram Air Base. And with all that is planned for the future, it should



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An Afghan player moves the ball past Coalition defenders during the match.

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Polish Cpl. Mariusz Kozak, a member of Team Eagle, scores a goal against the Parwan youth soccer Team.

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happen again. "I wanted to use soccer as a medium to reach out to the local community," said 1st Lt. Joshua Walters, 2nd Battalion, 265th Air Defense Artillery Regiment and base operations intelligence officer. Walters also is a full-time high school soccer coach in his hometown of Tallahassee, Fla. "The idea is to use soccer to reach out to the youth," he said. "They are the ones who will be making decisions about the future of Afghanistan pretty soon." Walters is working with local leaders to promote soccer, and said he hopes eventually to have men's,

women's and youth soccer leagues throughout the country. Soccer, he said, has the potential to serve as a centerpiece of Afghanistan's culture and to help draw people closer. "I think soccer is a great tool to pull people together," said Walters. "There's a huge divide; soccer can give the country a national identity." To help Afghans on their way to developing a national sport, Walters spends what little free time he has working in the local community. "I'm a soccer coach back home, so I thought it would be great to use that here to help the people," said Walters. And the

response has been great, as people are welcoming the sport "with open arms," he said. "The amount of passion you see from them is amazing." And passion they showed during the match, never slowing down and playing as if it were a Major League Soccer championship game. "I'm very happy coalition forces have come here to have a match against the team from Parwan province. It's good for (the) advancement of soccer, and is something good for young men to do," said Mohammed Fayed, Imam Azam High School director and Bagram Post Exchange

cashier. It also makes one Coalition officer feel like he's contributing something great to a country that needs to unite. "When I left home, and left coaching soccer, I felt like there was something missing," said Walters. "Since I've started getting Afghans involved in soccer, it feels like I've come full circle and am making a huge impact in these kids' lives. "I've played in a lot of games, but this one was pretty cool," he continued. "Back home you play so many games you forget individual ones, but the kids who watched this game will remember it forever."

Marne Scoreboard



Basketball

2004 Stewart Intramural Basketball League Scores

Nov. 30
HHC, 1/64 **77**, A Co., 3/7 CAV **51**
HHC, DISCOM **52**, 26th FSB **49**
DET, 3-3 SIG **34**, 1st DET, 3rd SIG **30**
B Co., 92nd Eng. **39**, HHB, 1/9 FA **36**
B Co., 1/41 FA. **48**, A Co., 1/9 FA **42**
A Co., 92nd Eng. **54**, HHC, 1-3 BTB **45**

Dec. 1
B Co., 2-3 BTB **68**, MEDDAC **57**
3rd SSB **43**, 15 ASOS **36**
A 1/41 FA **47**, 632nd MAINT **43**
E 26th FSB **50**, A CO 3rd BTB **48**
B CO 3/69 AR **Forfeit**, HHC 3/15 IN **2**

D TROOP 5/7 CAV **2**, FSC 4/64 AR **Forfeit**
A 1/76 FA **37**, D TROOP 5/7 CAV **33**
92nd CHEM **33**, 226th QM **43**
C 2/7 IN **40**, A 3rd FSB **69**
B 4/64 AR **52**, A CO 2/7 IN **26**

Dec. 2
26th FSB **62**, HHB 1/9 FA **32**
DET 3-3 SIG **46**, A 2/7 CAV **49**
HHC DISCOM **2**, HHC 1-3 BTB **Forfeit**
1st DET 3rd SIG **Forfeit**, A 1/9 FA **2**
HHC 1/64 AR **59**, A 92nd ENG **52**
B 92nd ENG **2**, B CO 1/41 FA **Forfeit**
C 2/7 IN **36**, 226th QM **52**

92nd CHEM **52**, A 1/76 FA **61**
B 4/64 AR **41**, D TROOP 5/7 CAV **26**
FSC 4/64 AR **27**, A 3rd FSB **49**

Dec. 6
A Co., 1/41 FA **52**, 3rd SSB **61**
HHC, 3/15 Inf. **31**, A Co. 3rd BTB **66**
A Co., 2/7 Inf. **23**, A Co., 3rd FSB **71**
B Co., 3/69 AR **Forfeit**, MEDDAC **2**
E Co., 26th FSB **55**, 15 ASOS **50**
B Co., 2-3 BTB **2**, 632nd Maint. **52**
FSC, 4/64 AR **52**, 226th QM **61**
B Co., 4/64 AR **46**, A Co., 1/76th FA **52**
92nd Chem. **27**, C Co., 3/7th Inf. **49**
226th QM **46**, B Co., 4/64 AR **41**

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